

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of securing an animation service, comprising:  
providing a requestor with an identifier;  
associating the identifier with an identity of the requestor;  
associating the identity and identifier with the animation service;  
using the identity to retrieve the animation service;  
requesting the identifier from the requestor; and  
providing the animation service to the requestor after verifying the  
association of the identifier and the identity.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing the  
animation service is accomplished electronically.

3. A method of verifying a request for an animation service,  
comprising:  
providing a requestor with the identifier;  
associating the identifier with an identity of the requestor;  
requesting the animation service;  
associating the identity and identifier with the animation service;  
using the identity to retrieve the animation service; and  
providing the animation service to the requestor after requesting  
the identifier from the requestor and verifying the association of the identifier and  
the identity.

4. A method of securing an animation service of an image,  
comprising:  
requesting an identity of the requestor;  
requesting a verification of the identity of the requestor;  
requesting a verification of the image;  
associating the identity with the animation service;  
using the identity to retrieve the animation service; and  
providing the animation service to the requestor.

5. The method of Claim 4, further comprising the step of, prior to providing the animation service to the requestor, verifying the identity of the requestor.

6. The method of Claim 4, wherein the step of requesting a verification of the image comprises providing a signed statement indicating ownership of the image.

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the signed statement is notarized.

8. The method of Claim 6, wherein the signed statement is signed by the requestor.

9. The method of Claim 6, wherein the signed statement is signed by a subject of the image.

10. The method of Claim 4 wherein the step of requesting a verification of the image comprises providing an oral statement indicating ownership of the image.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the oral statement is made by the requestor.

12. The method of Claim 10, wherein the oral statement is made by a subject of the image.

13. The method of Claim 4, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the image with the animation service.

14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image is accomplished by embedding the verification of the image to the animation service.

15. The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image is accomplished by encoding the verification of the image in the animation service.

16. The method of Claim 4, further comprising the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service is accomplished by embedding the identity of the requestor to the animation service.

18. The method of Claim 16, wherein the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service is accomplished by encoding the identity of the requestor in the animation service.

19. The method of Claim 4, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the identity of the requestor with the animation service.

20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of associating the verification of the identity of the requestor is accomplished by embedding the verification of the identity of the requestor to the animation service.

21. The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of associating the verification of the identity of the requestor is accomplished by encoding the verification of the identity of the requestor in the animation service.

22. A method of securing an animation service of an image, comprising:

- requesting an identity of a requestor;
- verifying the identity of the requestor;
- providing the requestor with an identifier;
- associating the identifier with the identity of the requestor;
- requesting a verification of the image;
- associating the identity with the animation service;
- retrieving the animation service using the identity; and
- providing the animation service to the requestor after requesting the identifier from the requestor and verifying the association of the identifier and the identity.

23. The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of, prior to retrieving the animation service, requesting a verification of an animation service request.

24. The method of Claim 22 wherein the step of requesting a verification of the image is accomplished by providing an oral statement or signed statement.

25. The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the image with the animation service.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image is accomplished by embedding the verification of the image to the animation service.

27. The method of Claim 25, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image is accomplished by encoding the verification of the image in the animation service.

28. The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service.

29. The method of Claim 28, wherein the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service is accomplished by embedding the identity of the requestor to the animation service.

30. The method of Claim 28, wherein the step of associating the identity of the requestor with the animation service is accomplished by encoding the identity of the requestor in the animation service.

31. A method of securing an animation service, comprising:  
capturing an image of a subject using an image capture device, the image being captured by a photographer;  
requesting an animation service of the image;  
providing a verification of the image, the verification being provided by the photographer; and  
providing the animation service to the subject.

32. The method of Claim 31, wherein the verification of the image is further provided by the subject.

33. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service.

34. The method of Claim 33, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service comprises affixing the verification of the image to the animation service.

35. The method of Claim 33, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service comprises encoding the verification of the image in the animation service.

36. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of requesting proof of the identity of the subject.

37. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of providing a verification of the animation service request.

38. The method of Claim 37, wherein the verification of the animation service request is provided by the photographer.

39. The method of Claim 37, wherein the verification of the animation service request is provided by the subject.

40. A method of securing an animation service, comprising:  
capturing an image of a subject using an image capture device, the image being captured by an photographer;  
requesting an animation service of the image, the subject requesting the animation service;  
providing a verification of the request for the animation service, the verification of the request being provided by the subject;  
providing a verification of the image, the verification of the image being provided by the photographer; and  
providing the animation service to the subject.

41. The method of Claim 40, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service.

42. The method of Claim 41, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service is accomplished by attaching the verification of the image to the animation service.

43. The method of Claim 41, wherein the step of associating the verification of the image to the animation service is accomplished by encoding the verification of the image to the animation service.

44. The method of Claim 40, further comprising the step of associating the verification of the request to the animation service.

45. The method of Claim 44, wherein the step of associating the verification of the request is accomplished by attaching the verification of the request to the animation service.

46. The method of Claim 44, wherein the step of associating the verification of the request is accomplished by encoding the verification of the request in the animation service.